

**REMARKS/ARGUMENT****Regarding the Claims in General:**

Claims 1, 2, and 4-25 are present in the application. Claims 1, 2, and 4-13 are before the Examiner. Claims 14-25 stand withdrawn from consideration. Claim 1 has been amended to address the rejections in the outstanding Office Action. No new matter has been introduced..

**Regarding the Telephone Interview Held May 31, 2006:**

Applicants' representative gratefully acknowledges the courtesy and assistance afforded to him by Examiner Johnson during the interview. To summarize, the Examiner pointed out that his Response to Arguments was intended to reflect his understanding of the agreement reached during the earlier interview of January 23, 2006 and the apparent failure of claim 1 as amended to fully reflect that agreement. On further consideration, it is recognized that claim 1 might be considered to be ambiguous as to the requirement that the bumping site be outside the chamber system. Claim 1 has accordingly been further amended to eliminate any possible ambiguity.

**Regarding the Prior Art Rejections:**

As noted above, the claims now unambiguously require that the bumping site be outside the chamber system. Examiner has agreed that this distinguishes over Hisataka (JP 01-296636). The same is true with respect to Okuyama et al. (DE 3429375) as may be seen from the English-language Abstract, which states that the processing takes place within a tunnel furnace.

In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.

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